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My Dear ~~and~~ Beloved -
Father and Mother Brother
and Sister His with profound
gratitude and pleasure I drop
these few lines to you in hopes
the arrival of the same may
find you one and all in
a mighty state of health as the
departure of this leaves us well
Thank god My Dear Father
and Mother My self and Cath
are with forward the sum
of £20 for a Christmas present
accompanied with 3 of my
portraits one for ~~the~~ Sister
Anora. B. Slattery. &c -
C Burke

and three pair of ^{gold} Carings
one for each of the above
mentioned as a token of
friendship and olden times
My Dear Father Remember
This money is not for Seymour
It is for all of you be joy
shappy christmas together
you will give me 10. of this
money for the tree as we
used to do It also request
my Mother to purchase a
Mantle and wear it in
Remembrance of us who will
never forget her or either of
you while we have Strength
and Health please God

you will let me know how
all my aunts ^{and cousins are} ~~and cousins are~~
and especially aunt Judy
which I dream of very often
you will also let me know
how Thomas Lyons mother and
sisters are I assure you I am
very sorry since you have
that did ^{not} send for Catherine
Lyons the time that I sent
for him But Jerry would
not allow it on no account
as Pat is writing a few lines
here in I must conclude
in sending my sincere love
and best respects to you all
wishing you a very Christmas
& happy new year
Yours faithfully John H. Hughes

Write soon in card
of Higgins Sydney

Anno McHugh